GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1227
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SERVING SELLING OF LIQUOR IN TRAINS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the cases of serving / selling foreign liquor in Rajdhani Express and other trains at Nagpur station by coach attendants and pantry workers came to the notice of the Railways;

(b) If so, the facts thereof and the action taken against the personnel found guilty; and

(c) The steps taken to prevent such illegal activities in trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. On 8-6-2006, six bottles of liquor were seized from the bedroll supplier working under private contractor in AC Coach of Train No.2442 Nizammudin - Bilaspur Rajdhani Express at Nagpur Railway Station. Similarly, on 18.7.2006, two bottles of liquor were seized from the bed -roll supplier working under private contractor in AC Coach of Train No.2441 Bilaspur - Nizammudin Rajdhani Express at Nagpur Railway Station. Both the bedroll suppliers have been prosecuted under section 144 of The Railways Act,1989. Instructions have been issued to Zonal Railways to conduct surprise checks in Rajdhani Trains to prevent such activities.

Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation`s officers conduct surprise and random checks to prevent serving / selling of liquors in trains and take deterrent action as per extant rules to curb such illegal practices.